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**Plumas County Fire Safe Council Meeting 3/11/10**

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council's regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services office, located at 555 Main Street in Quincy, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

At the March meeting the information will be presented on the progress of wildfire mitigation grants and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and proposed HF QLG projects. Following the regular business meeting there will be a meeting of interested members to discuss options & opportunities to implement Stewardship projects on public lands.

Fire Safe Council members are encouraging residents to begin creating or maintaining their defensible space and make their homes Fire Safe. According to Brian West, Council Chair, "Research reveals that homes with wood shake roofs and a lack of defensible space are the leading causes of structure loss from wildfire". California residents are required to have 100 feet of defensible space for around all structures, or to their property lines. Brian went on to say, "that having your defensible space may well determine whether or not your home survives if a wildfire were to threaten it and that space will also give your fire department a safer environment to work in". For additional information on "Defensible Space" visit our website at [www.plumasfiresafe.org](http://www.plumasfiresafe.org) and click on the link to Defensible Space.

The Plumas County Fire Safe Council invites residents with an interest in preventing and mitigating impacts from wildland fires, to their homes or communities, to become members. The Council is a coalition of citizens, businesses, fire departments, and representatives of local, state and federal government agencies. The mission of the Council is: ***"To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities."***